



# AFD'S COMMITMENTS

Every year, AFD commits to projects which materially improve the people's daily lives. Its action is fully in line with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN.



# MARKERS TO GUIDE OUR ACTIONS



50% of our projects directly finance companies, local authorities and civil society

# **IMPACTS FOR POPULATIONS**

Every year, AFD means:\*

AFD monitors and evaluates the impacts of the projects it supports



832,000 children enrolled in school



**665 MW** of renewable energies installed to meet the needs of some 750,000 people



54,000 SMEs supported



730,000 family farms directly supported



104,000 people connected to electricity





# IN THE FIELD, CLOSE TO LOCAL NEEDS

#### MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East, we promote sustainable growth, which creates decent jobs, and we strengthen social cohesion. This includes providing a response to the influx of displaced persons.



#### AFRICA

Africa is AFD's priority area of operation. The priorities include access to education and training, renewable energy development, and support for agriculture and for the digital revolution. The continent accounts for the vast majority (85%) of the grants and interest rate subsidies allocated.

50% OF ACTIVITY\*

### LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

In Latin America, AFD finances sustainable development and supports green and inclusive growth.

20% OF ACTIVITY\*

#### FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

In the French overseas territories, we innovate for the SDGs by financing local authority investments, private sector growth and competitiveness, and regional cooperation. Commitments in the French overseas territories account for 17% of the Group's total activity.

\*AFD Group activity in foreign countries

### **INDESO**

Satellite imagery to fight against illegal fishing and come to the rescue of fisheries resources in Indonesia.



### NOOR

A futuristic photovoltaic power plant to supply electricity to two million inhabitants in Morocco. A pilot project for an Africa with a wealth of renewable energies.

## The tools



#### **IN FRANCE**

AFD is responsive to territories and the French, alongside local authorities and its main partner, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations. The aim is to promote their international outreach and strengthen the development and international solidarity community.

## **METROCABLE**

An urban cable car system to include deprived neighborhoods and relieve congestion in the city of Medellín. A textbook case which is now being disseminated elsewhere, including in France.



The ecological regeneration of a rural area in the Dominican Republic. An innovative holistic approach combining agroecology, tourism, access to water, and waste management.



cities

12%

# **AFD'S METHOD**

# D Be responsive

In over 100 countries, AFD is responsive to the needs of populations and development actors: public and private companies, NGOs, States, financial institutions. All projects are studied in view of the priorities for operations in the country and region. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 5 transitions (energy, digital, territorial, demographic, political and citizen-based) which AFD supports provide a strong strategic framework to move towards a more just and more sustainable world.



Cities, natural resources, social cohesion, climate, public policy evaluation... Our researchers and economists are at the forefront in analyzing and understanding facts and issues concerning a number of subjects. The objective? Dialogue, share, answer the practical questions raised by field actors and bring new ideas to the international debate. Because making things clear and gaining a better understanding means taking more effective action.



### Build with our partners

At this time of the SDGs, solutions are being built jointly and disseminated in a cross-cutting way throughout the world. Consequently, the development agenda requires collective and inclusive action at the right level, from local to global. Half of projects are cofinanced with partners and other multilateral and bilateral development banks, but also with regional and local authorities, NGOs, foundations... Cofinancing scales up impacts, attracts other public and private investors, and allows the most ambitious projects to come into being.

Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations and AFD, which have the same activity of project financing and supporting public policies in France and abroad, joined hands in a strategic alliance in 2016. They are pooling their expertise and networks and are promoting innovative solutions for development together. 4

## **Finance projects**

AFD offers tools tailored to all situations: loans with varying levels of concessionality, sovereign and non-sovereign loans, grants, guarantees... The extensive range of tools is a major asset for supporting development. Year after year, AFD strengthens and extends this range of products and services depending on changes in partners' needs and their priorities.

In the least developed countries, particularly Africa, AFD mainly operates via grants. In middle-income countries, it provides soft loans and assistance in order to build both the capacities of contracting authorities and cooperation on common issues. In emerging countries, it generally allocates unsubsidized loans to finance projects to fight climate change, or aiming to achieve growth that

respects both people and the environment, and projects which are often neglected by traditional financial institutions. In the French overseas territories, it operates via grants and subsidized loans for activities to support, advise and finance local public and private actors.

### **GEMMES**

Macroeconomic modeling now finally includes parameters related to climate change. An innovative tool to advise public policies and facilitate the energy transition.

### ARIZ

A risk-sharing tool to facilitate access to financing for small and medium-sized enterprises which has a proven track record in 34 countries.



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### Strengthen skills

The funded projects often comprise technical assistance. It contributes to the successful implementation of projects, but also and especially aims to build the capacities of our partners. Knowledge sharing is essential. The training for leaders and field actors includes seminars, exchanges and networking, expert missions, and more long-term courses in our corporate university.



# Monitor and evaluate our actions

Throughout a project, we monitor its effective technical and financial implementation and ensure, in partnership with the contracting authority, that the clauses provided for are complied with.

Due to the obligation of accountability and a concern for effectiveness, AFD measures the impacts of development projects and evaluates the programs it finances.

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# Raise awareness of development

What happens "over there" has an impact "over here". Promoting regulated globalization and more sustainable and inclusive development models means making the world more secure, more just and more sustainable for all.

Raising the awareness of and informing the general public is a core mission for AFD.

### **NEOBUS**

An exclusive right-of-way public transport project to relieve congestion in Greater Nouméa and promote social diversity.

### MEDICAL CREDIT FUND

Support for small private healthcare facilities in Africa via a foundation. The future of development also involves social business.



Building a more just and more sustainable world for all – a world in common – requires successfully achieving five main transitions, both over here and over there: energy, digital, territorial, demographic and citizen-based. Succeeding in these transitions is essential for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Managing to do so requires respecting the uniqueness of each country, the diversity of development choices, but also scaling up exchanges and partnerships.

AFD is a public and solidarity-based development bank with a mandate to help France's partners along the pathway towards this world in common. It operates in a number of sectors (energy, health, biodiversity, water, urban planning, training) and offers a wide range of financial and non-financial services. Its priorities? Fight against climate change and poverty, and help stabilize fragile or post-crisis countries to fight against.

AFD is a central actor in France's development policy and supports States, companies, local authorities and NGOs. It builds synergies with them to catalyze, feed into and disseminate innovative solutions that benefit people.

Through its network of 85 agencies, AFD operates in 108 countries, where it is currently financing, monitoring and supporting over 2,500 development projects. Thanks to its network of researchers and experts, it also participates in the public policy dialogue, shares its know-how, and raises awareness of development and international solidarity issues.

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